



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

March 29, 2023

House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Minority Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1.8 million in funding for the City of Bradenton, Florida, located at 1010 9th Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205. The funding would be used by the City to help fund a Public Safety Operations Center (PSOC), which will serve as a Forward Operating Base (FOB) during publicly declared emergencies. Helping to upgrade Southwest Florida's ability to cope with and recover from declared disasters is a very clear Federal nexus and appropriate use of federal monies.

I am also requesting \$370,000 for the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, located at 600 Highway 301 Boulevard West, Bradenton, FL 34205. This funding will be used to help purchase and deploy Automatic Ballistic Identification technology for the Sheriff's personnel. Doing this will increase the ability of law enforcement personnel to efficiently and effectively track down and apprehend individuals suspected of violent crimes. This is a Federal nexus and appropriate use of federal funds.

I am also requesting \$1.5 million for the City of Bradenton, Florida. This funding will help the City build a new headquarters building for the Police Department. Doing this will enable the City to better serve its residents and enhance public safety. This is, therefore, a very clear Federal nexus and an appropriate use of Federal funds.

I am also requesting \$250,000 for the Pace Center for Girls, located at 6745 Phillips Industrial Blvd, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The funding will be used to help fund increased safety and security measures for the Pace Center for Girls facility in Manatee County, located at 4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205. Therefore, this is a very clear Federal nexus and an appropriate use of Federal funds.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in these 4 projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
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